

Remarks

The forgoing amendment has been made after a careful review of the present application, the references of record, and the Office Action dated January 26, 2006. In the Office Action, the examiner indicated that claims 6 – 10, 12 – 14, and 16 were allowed and that claims 2 through 5 would be allowable if rewritten to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Only claims 1, 15, and 17 were rejected. Claims 15 and 17 are dependent upon claim 1 and therefore if claim 1 is allowable, claims 15 and 17 would also be allowable.

In the forgoing amendment, the applicant has amended claim 1 to include all the elements of claim 3 such that amended claim 1 is the equivalent of claim 3 written in independent form. Since the examiner has indicated that claim 3 would be allowed if written in independent form, it is submitted that amended claim 1 is now allowable. Since claim 1 is allowable, all the remaining claims that are dependent upon claim are also allowable. These include claims 4, 5, 15, and 17. It should be noted that claim 4 has been made dependent upon claim 1 rather than claim 3.

Claims 2 and 3 have been canceled. The elements of claim 3 have been incorporated into claim 1 and the elements of claim 2 have been incorporated in newly added claim 18. Claim 18 is essentially claim 2 in independent form because it includes all the elements of former claim 2. Since the examiner has

indicated that claim 2 would be allowable, it is believed that new claim 18 is therefore allowable.

With the forgoing amendment, all the remaining claims of the application are now in condition for allowance, and therefore, favorable reconsideration and allowance is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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